

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2446

ANSWERED ON:12.03.2013

NATIONAL POPULATION REGISTER

Meinya Dr. Thokchom;Nahata Smt. P. Jaya Prada;Shekhar Shri Neeraj;Singh Shri Yashvir

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes or has any proposal to issue a single card for all purposes/services viz , Identity, PAN, Passport, driving licence, ration card etc. to all the citizens of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present status of work under the scheme of creation of National Population Register (NPR) indicating the percentage of citizens registered therein so far, State-wise; and
- (d) the time by which the NPR is to be completed and the steps taken by the Government to organise more camps for timely completion of registration under NPR?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (b): No, Madam. The Government, at present, is not implementing any scheme to issue identity card to citizens. A scheme to issue Resident Identity (smart) Cards (RICs) to all the usual residents of age 18 years and above has been implemented in selected coastal areas. A proposal for issuance of RICs to all the usual residents in the country has been appraised by the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) and recommended. The Union Cabinet, in its meeting on 31.01.2013, has considered the proposal and referred the same to a Group of Minister(GoM). The GoM has been constituted.

(c): The data collection (in paper format) for creating the NPR has been completed for the entire country along with Houselisting and Housing Census in 2010. The scanning of these filled in NPR Schedules (approx. 26 crore) has also been completed. The work of data entry of more than 114.29 crore records has also been completed. Biometrics has been captured for more than 11.52 crore usual residents. The State-wise details are at Annex-A.

(d): The creation of NPR in the country would be completed by 2014-15. The Government has taken necessary steps for timely completion of the creation of NPR. The work of capture of biometric is being done by the consortium of three Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) [i.e., BEL, ECIL and ITIL] in coordination with the State/ District Administration. Instructions have already been issued to all the State Governments and CPSUs to meet the time lines.